

City of Hampton  
 Workshop/Council Meeting  
 July 17, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.  
 17 E. Main Street  
 Hampton, GA 30228

**Present:** Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Ann Mitcham, Councilpersons Meeks, Byrd, Hearn, Walls, and Hutchison. Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham informed the citizens that Mayor Coley was doing better and should be able to attend the next council meeting. Also present City Manager Andy Pippin, City Attorney Scott Mayfield, City Clerk Kim Drinkall, and Chief of Police Rad Porter.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham called the workshop to order and recognized the Scouts in the audience stating they are working on getting their citizenship badges.

City Manager, Andy Pippin, asked Council if they would allow him to use the funds received from the making of the movie (i.e. movie permit monies) to fund a movie in the park for the citizens. He stated the cost would be approximately \$2000.00. The Council decided to add this to the regular meeting under new business.

City Manager, Andy Pippin, discussed with Council the possibility of putting hand dryers in the bathrooms at the city park. He stated it would eliminate the need for paper towels and also this could cut down on the vandalism, it seems they are throwing the paper towels in the commodes to clog them up. The question was asked about the drinking fountains what keeps breaking on them, John Spraggins, the Public Works Director, stated it was the button that you push down that keeps breaking. Councilperson Byrd stated at Home Depot you could buy the old fashion handle type for half the cost of the push down type. No action was taken at this time.

The City Manager, Andy Pippin, asked the Council to remove from the agenda discussion of the two job titles; Human Resource Director and Community Development Director. He stated he will have them on the agenda at the next scheduled meeting.

City Manager, Andy Pippin, discussed with Council purchasing a contract with Incode, our current software program, for utility billing a pay tab for our website so customers can pay their bills online. He informed them there would be a onetime setup fee of \$800.00, and then a monthly fee to support and host the web site of \$75.00. Also it would cost .04 cents per bill, per month. The City Manager stated it would run approximately \$256.00 per month for this after the onetime setup fee. He also said that all fees would be passed on to the users. Council asked that they be given a copy of the agreement and asked that this be brought up at the next meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham asked the City Attorney if the department heads could give their reports at this time, instead of waiting until the 7:00 regular meeting. The City Attorney advised the Mayor Pro-Tem they could, as long as no action was needed based on their reports.

The department heads gave Council their reports at this time.

Councilperson Meeks made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Hearn, to go into executive session to discuss personnel and real estate. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Meeting adjourned into executive session at 6:30 p.m.

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**Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Public Hearing:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham opened the Public Hearing to receive public comment on the 2012-2016 Short Term Work Program and Capital Improvements Element Update (STWP/CIE), no comment was received.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mitcham closed the public hearing and called the regular meeting to order, invocation was given by Councilperson Hutchison.

Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to amend the agenda to include discussion of hosting a movie in the park. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilperson Meeks made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Hearn, to amend the agenda to table the request by Mr. Terry Bishop's request for malt beverage/wine sales by the drink licenses. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilperson Hearn made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Hutchison, to amend the agenda to include Resolution 12-03, a resolution for the purpose of naming an open records officer and an alternate open records officer. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Councilperson Hutchison made a motion seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to amend the agenda to include the first reading of Ordinance No. 372, An Ordinance to Proclaim the Existence and Establishment of the Office of Prosecuting Attorney of the Hampton Municipal Court. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Ms. Nelva Lee State Senate Candidate running for District 17 introduced herself to Mayor Pro-Tem and Council asking for their support.

Councilperson Byrd made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Hearn, to approve the Workshop/Regular Council meeting minutes as published June 05, 2012. The motion passed 4-0, Councilperson Hutchison abstained from voting.

Mr. Larry Rucker, 15 Lake Vista Drive, several citizens approached him during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities and thanked him; he informed them that they needed to thank the City of Hampton, and the Council for everything. Now, Mr. Rucker wanted to express to the Council his displeasure at the way the movie company handled the closing of the roads and how their subdivision was inconvenienced. He informed the Council that he thought he would have more support from his Homeowners Association tonight, but it appears that they are not going to show up so he will be the spokesperson for them. He stated during the filming of the movie people in his subdivision were told that they had to wait to leave, which made people late for doctor appointments and late for picking children up from day care. He stated they did receive maps of the closing of the roads but

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**the maps were not right, he is asking the Council to take an extra look next time before allowing a movie company come into our town and running the show and inconveniencing the citizens of Hampton.**

**Linda Dodgen, 15 Shelby Street, stated it was very frustrating with the production company closing the roads for the citizens of Hampton as she has stated before at previous Council meetings.**

**Arley Lowe, 171 Lake Hampton Drive, stated you had to wait 30 minutes sometimes, in the past when they closed a road there was always an alternate way to go around this time there was no other way around. He felt their intentions were good; however, because of the rain it was a week later.**

**Andy Pippin, City Manager, informed the citizens that he takes full responsibility of the situation that happened. He stated that this will never happen again if a movie company comes to film in Hampton again. This was a learning process and he apologized. He was not aware of everything that was going on. He stated they will never shut down city roads again.**

**Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to approve Resolution No. 12-02, a resolution to approve the Short Term Work Program and Capital Improvements Element Annual Update Transmittal. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**Councilperson Meeks made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Hutchison, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 370, an ordinance to adopt an amendment to the operating budget of the City of Hampton in effect for the 2012 fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 371, an ordinance to amend chapter 34 of the City of Hampton code of ordinances which provides for courts; to amend article I entitled "In General"; to change the date and time the Municipal Court is in session. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**Councilperson Meeks made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Byrd, to approve the DDA Promissory Note with the City of Hampton in the amount of \$136,000.00, commencing May 10, 2012, through April 10, 2027. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to approve an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the City to host a "Movies in the Park" on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Hearn, to approve Resolution 12-03, a resolution for the purpose of naming an open records officer and an alternate open records officer. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

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**Office of Prosecuting Attorney of the Hampton Municipal Court. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

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**Mary Ann Mitcham, Mayor Pro-Tem**

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**Kim Drinkall, City Clerk**